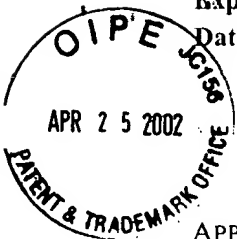


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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the specification with the attached substitute specification (pages 1-82) and insert the enclosed Sequence Listing (pages 1-22) at the end of the substitute specification. ✓

REMARKS

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed February 26, 2002, Applicants submit a paper copy of the sequence listing, a computer readable copy of the sequence listing, a statement in support of the computer readable format and a substitute specification.

Applicants submit herein a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee. The response is due on or before Friday April 26, 2002. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in this filing, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-601 (Cura 101).